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For Immediate Release:

Military Vehicles on Display at Botanical Gardens

Activities in The Parks on Father's Day

Milwaukee, WI (June 4, 2015) – About a dozen military vehicles will be on view at the Boerner Botanical Gardens on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21, from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. The Botanical Gardens are located in Whitnall Park, at 9400 Boerner Drive.

Members of the Midwest Military Vehicle Association will display their restored, as well as unrestored, former military-transportation vehicles—from a Vietnam-Era ambulance to large-tracked, armored military vehicles.

“This event offers a rare opportunity to see these large vehicles and, of course, to celebrate Dad!” said Gardens Director Shirley Walczak.

The Boerner Botanical Gardens will be open for visitors to discover early summer blooms, from 8 a.m.–dusk. Flowering trees, daylilies, and roses will be in full bloom.

Zilli Hospitality Group, the on-site caterer, will offer a special Father's Day brunch, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. The menu includes Tuscan tenderloin, barbeque pork ribs, made-to-order omelets, the popular Bloody Mary Bar, and mini desserts. Reservations and pricing are available at <http://www.zillihospitalitygroup.com/sunday-brunch-at-boerner/>

Regular admission to the Botanical Gardens is \$5.50 for adults age 18 and up; \$4.50 for students of any age with IDs, Milwaukee County seniors age 60 and up with IDs, and people with disabilities; and \$3.50 for youths age 6–17. Admission to the gardens requires wearing the official daily wristband. For more information, call the Botanical Gardens at (414) 525-5601.

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Other Activities in the Parks for Dad

Traveling Beer Garden™ Tour

Grant Park, Picnic Area 5 - 100 E. Hawthorne Ave.

Doctors Park, Picnic Area 3 - 1870 E. Fox Lane

Hard-working dads deserve some of Milwaukee's Gemütlichkeit! The Traveling Beer Gardens will be open from 11 a.m.–10 p.m., with the last beer served at 9 p.m..

Staffed by Parks Concessions Division employees, the beer gardens will offer 10 on-tap Sprecher beers, served in souvenir glass pints, steins, and boots, with refills offered at reduced prices at any stop on the Traveling Beer Garden tour. Other Sprecher beverages served include gluten-free beer, hard root beer and ginger ale, sodas, and root beer floats. Wine and snacks, including soft pretzels by Milwaukee Pretzel Company, will also be available.

Also new this year will be authentic German Food, available from Sprecher's Restaurant and Pub.

Families are welcome to pack their own picnic lunches or suppers and non-alcoholic beverages. License restrictions prohibit the carry-in of any alcohol. Grilling is not allowed at the beer garden site or the immediate surrounding area.

Facilities offer shared-table seating, where families are encouraged to make new friends. All Traveling Beer Garden stops are wheelchair accessible and have ample restroom and parking facilities nearby.

Wehr Nature Center, 9701 W. College Ave. (in Whitnall Park)

From 8:30 a.m. –4:30 p.m., families can go on self-guided hikes of the prairie, woodlands, wetlands, an oak savanna, and Mallard Lake—the natural communities contained within Wehr's 200 acres. Over five miles of trails loop through and link these communities and provide opportunities to see the homes and habits of Wisconsin wildlife. For extra fun on the trails, families can check out Summer Ziggy Packs. The packs contain everything from binoculars and bug boxes to field guides and activity sheets. A journal in the pack lets families share their experiences with others on future treks.

The \$3 parking fee includes admission for the carload to the Nature Center. For more information, call Wehr at (414) 425-8550.

The Mitchell Park Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd.

"Practically Perfect in Every Way," the summer floral show, brings early 1900s London to The Domes. The show's whimsical, park-like setting provides a beautiful backdrop for casual family photos with Dad and Grandpa. Staff will be dishing out free ice cream for all, while supplies last. Sunday hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Regular admission for adults age 18 and up is \$7; Milwaukee County senior age 60 and up with proof of residency, person of any age with disability or student photo ID, and ages 6–17, \$5. For more information, call the Mitchell Park Domes at (414) 257-5600.

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Lake Park, Warming House, 2975 N. Lake Park Road

Lake Park Friends are offering a walk to bring out the history buff in dad. History Committee members will lead walks in the North Section of Lake Park. The park, designed by Frederick Law Olmsted—the same landscape architect who designed Central Park in New York—was recently voted Milwaukee’s favorite park two years in a row. Historic maps and photographs will be used as aids on the hike to more fully interpret the park’s buildings, bridges and statues. Participants will depart from the warming house at 1 p.m. For more information, call (414) 962-1680.

For more information about the Milwaukee County Parks, call (414) 257-PARK (7275) or visit countyparks.com.

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